

The attacker, Gary Ray Bowles, 32, was charged with the murder in connection with the incident.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

MINNESOTAN TO LEAD THE NATION INTO THE WINTER OLYMPICS

● Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, as all of America knows, the XIX Olympic Winter Games begin tonight in Salt Lake City. For an athlete, making the Olympic team is one of the highest possible accomplishments. To be chosen by one's teammates to carry the American flag and to lead the American team into tonight's opening ceremony is an absolutely stratospheric achievement!

That great honor has been bestowed by the American team on Minnesota's Amy Peterson. I wish to pay tribute to her extraordinary athletic skills and leadership abilities, and to all the other Minnesota athletes competing in this year's Games.

Amy is a speed skater from Maplewood, MN, who at the age of 30 is competing in her fifth Olympics! She has already won a silver medal and two bronze medals for the United States, and this year she hopes to cap her career with a gold medal. Amy, I hope you achieve your goal. Yet, you have already surpassed that high achievement by the honor you earned tonight.

Amy has been called, in recent press reports, "arguably the greatest Winter Olympian in Minnesota history." That is quite a distinction, since Minnesota has always been one of the best-represented states in the Winter Games. Both the 1960 and 1980 gold medal-winning U.S. men's hockey teams were spearheaded by Minnesota players and coaches. In the most recent Winter Games, Minnesota players led the U.S. women's hockey team to win the gold medal. In so many other winter sports, Minnesota athletes have excelled. Now, to that roster of great Minnesota athletes and leaders, we proudly add the name of Amy Peterson.

To honor Amy's many accomplishments and her selection by her American teammates to lead them, I am having an American flag flown today over the U.S. Capitol. When the Games are concluded, I will present this flag to Amy. I hope she will fly it proudly for her lifetime, and that it will always remind her of this most special night.●

RECOGNITION OF THE POLAR PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the recent success of the Third Annual Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics Kentucky.

This always exciting, entertaining, and chilling polar plunge was able to shatter previous year's records for participants and money raised. With nearly 260 "Polar Bears" taking the icy plunge, Special Olympics Kentucky raised more than \$45,000 to help support year round sports training and competition for Kentuckians with mental disabilities. Special attention needs to be paid to such groups as the Lexington Police/FOP Bluegrass Lodge No. 4 for raising \$4,694 and Louisa Elementary School for contributing \$845.

I applaud the selfless efforts of the participants of this year's Third Annual Polar Bear Plunge, and would also like to pay my respects to the organizers of Special Olympics Kentucky for their strength of character and progressive vision. We should all thank them for their commitment to the betterment of Kentucky's disabled community.●

RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY SHERIFF KEITH FLINK

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, on October 20th, a significant event took place that I am afraid was lost in the crush of events. Deputy Sheriff Keith Flink was recognized by the National Order of Benevolent Elks' Drug Awareness Program and the Drug Enforcement Administration with the first ever Enrique Camarena Award. His efforts to educate the young people of Iowa deserve to be highlighted.

The Enrique Camarena Award honors law enforcement officials who perform above and beyond the call of duty in drug enforcement. Enrique Camarena was a DEA agent who was kidnaped, tortured, and murdered by drug traffickers while working undercover in March of 1985. Agent Camarena believed that one person could make a difference.

The memory of his sacrifice made for his country has been memorialized through the celebration of National Red Ribbon Week, and now through the National Enrique Camarena Award that was established by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The award was established to recognize and honor an individual who has made a significant contribution in the field of drug prevention and who personifies Agent Camarena's belief that one person can make a difference.

Last fall, Deputy Sheriff Keith D. Flink from Odebolt, IA, was the winner of the first Enrique Camarena Award. Deputy Sheriff Flink has spent over 30 years working in law enforcement, and working with young people to teach them the dangers of drugs and alcohol, mostly on his own time. I think the time and commitment that Deputy Sheriff Flink has given to his community is best reflected in a letter his children sent the Award Selection Committee. I would like to have printed the full text of the letter in the RECORD following this statement, and add my praise to theirs for the hard

work their father has done in Sac County.

It is important that each of us remember that it is the activities of people like Deputy Sheriff Flink that really make a difference. The people of Odebolt, the citizens of Sac County, are aware of this. The Elks recognized the value of his contributions by giving him this award. And we, as a nation, should always remember that while the "big things" that was as a country stand for are important, it is the everyday activities that make a difference. We should never forget, never become too busy to recognize the accomplishments of everyday heroes like Deputy Sheriff Keith Flink.

The letter follows:

OCTOBER 1, 1999.

Enrique Camarina Award Selection Committee.

DEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE: My brothers and I heard our father, Keith Flink, has been nominated for the Enrique Camarina Award. After hearing this, we wanted his dedication and achievements to be known. He has achieved many great things in life by doing tasks above and beyond what is expected. He is so concerned with the safety of all people that he has no problem teaching about "the war on drugs" while not on duty. There are so many times he will work the night shift, sleep for 3 or 4 hours, and get up to give a presentation on his own time. He does this with no complaints because it is very important to him to get everyone to "say no to drugs"! He has also done a lot of research to give great, effective presentations to the citizens in the area. As you can see, he is very dedicated to his job on and off duty!

Our father has taught us a lot about life. While growing up, we always saw him practicing what he truly believed. He still does this through all the volunteering he does for the safety of the community. He is a true leader by the work that he does and the positive example that he sets for society.

My brothers and I are very proud of our father and would be honored if he was the recipient of the Enrique Camarina Award. He definitely deserves it!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

JEANA BOYD,
JUSTIN FLINK,
JORY FLINK.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5296. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a determination by the Deputy Secretary of State concerning assistance for the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5297. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for Calendar Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5298. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule